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Snake Stories

Being Sent Out by the Newspaper Correspondents

IN LIEU OF LEGITIMATE NEWS

Because There Are None of the Old Time Rows On.

WERE IT NOT FOR MONEY PLANK

And the Interest in Second Place, which is beginning to show itself, there would not be an inch of news a day—Even the Money Plank is Not Exciting Anybody but the Silver Mining Camp—Platt's Overreaching Self Satisfaction—Henry Clay Evans' Bad Break About West Virginia—The Interminable Contests From the Cotton States Making the National Committee Tired—Hanna Can Have the National Chairmanship.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 12.—Old times about conventions, especially the veteran scribes, sigh for an old time convention with a row on, at least for one with some of the spice of uncertainty in it. A repetition of 1880 or even 1884 would just fill the desired bill. On the personal side there has never been one so harmonious as this in a quarter of a century.

This may account for some of the snake stories that are going off on the wires. If it were not for the money plank of the platform and the interest in second place, which is beginning to show itself, there would not be an inch of news a day for all the newspapers, and even the money plank is not exciting anybody but the silver mining camp silver men. Everybody knows that there is to be a sound money plank and those who cannot work it to suit their respective tastes will take it sweetened to suit the convention's taste.

But the mining camp men, they that dwell out in the brush all alone, they are snoring. They say that they will show the gold bugs and the straddlebugs a bolt of the dimensions of fifty votes, that means half as many electoral votes. The party can stand that better than the bargain.

Some of these bolting votes cannot be held with anything less than a 16 declaration, which is, of course, out of the question, and I don't believe that there will be a loss of thirty electoral votes. I have had talks with two very important men from the disturbed area, and they say some suggestive things. Says one: "Give us the gold standard straight. We have some other interests than silver, and out our way some of us want to know whether we are to have consideration for those interests or whether every interest is to be held back for the silver deduction. We have wool, lead, cattle and timber, and we want protection for them. We are not interested in that which shall not come until the country bows down to silver. My state is gone to the Republican party on the silver issue, and there is nothing to be gained by listening to our silver points. Put in the gold standard, and put it in deep. I want to see the Republican party independent of such states as mine. Then such states may get some sense."

Another man talked much in the same vein, and added: "Our people are not such fools as they seem, but our senators are, and they carry the state in their pockets. Down the whole crowd and be hanged to them!"

I do not give the names of these men because they object to it for obvious reasons. They spoke with intense feeling.

Unless Reed will accept second place, which his friends say cannot be forced on him, my guess is that the honor will go to New York or New Jersey. It will go to New York if it is possible to bring that state to anything like agreement on a man.

To-day Mr. Platt said he would not consider the matter, being still determined that New York shall have first place. He said this with a straight face.

Nevertheless he is thinking about it and at the right time if asked to name a man he could find one to his liking. If the honor goes to New Jersey, the convention will look for a straight breaker it will find him in Nathan Goff, of West Virginia. By the way, Evans is quoted as saying that West Virginia may be better off than West Virginia "by the grace of God and Steve Elkins' money."

I am mistaken if he gets any consideration from the mountainier delegation, nor do I think that West Virginia is a solid south caucus on the vice presidential question. This scheme is being nursed. The frivolous contests for federal patronage that come up from the cotton states spoil the beauty of that picture.

By the way, I see before the national committee some of the same faces I saw in Minneapolis four years ago before the committee on credentials. The same old contests from the same old states and districts and probably, if the committee did exact justice, some of the same faces would be looking for which would not be a national calamity. A Mississippi seat is contested by his uncle of the same name down to the initials. The national committee has not tried of being trifled with and is determined to have the temporary roll completed in time. On motion of West Virginia's member the riot was read this morning, and since then the men who are supposed to sneeze when Mr. Platt takes snuff have quieted down. Beginning with to-morrow the committee will go on calling up names in their order and if the parties be not ready the cases will be decided without hearing. It is thought that the parties to the contests will take the hint.

There is a growing impression that Mr. Hanna will consent to take the chairmanship of the national committee, which he can have for the taking. His inclination is against the job, but the party inclination is in his direction. Hanna has the vim and vigor, and it is felt that no man could do more to lead to victory.

The indications are that Manley's little statement, in which he said that

McKinley will win, will cost him his place on the national committee. The Reed men are going ahead in spite of defeat and fixing up the most elaborate headquarters. I shook hands to-day with a man who is said to have inherited a hundred thousand dollars in the Reed enterprise, but he has plenty left. C. B. H.

NEW REPRESENTATION

Of States in Conventions Proposed by National Committee

ST. LOUIS, June 12.—National Committee Payne will press his resolution for a different representation in the national conventions. He wants the national committee to recommend to the convention the following:

Resolved, That the national committee recommend to the convention that hereafter the basis of representation from the several states shall be fixed at four delegates at-large and one additional delegate for each seven thousand votes, or majority fraction thereof, east in each state for the Republican electoral ticket at the last preceding election, and that each territory and the District of Columbia be entitled to six delegates.

On the basis of the votes cast at the election of 1892, the representation would be as follows, as compared with the representation in the recent convention:

States	Present	Proposed
Alabama	22	17
Arizona	3	3
California	18	21
Colorado	8	22
Connecticut	11	11
Delaware	6	11
Florida	8	30
Georgia	10	30
Idaho	6	9
Illinois	48	73
Indiana	20	42
Iowa	16	36
Kansas	20	36
Kentucky	16	11
Louisiana	12	11
Maine	12	18
Maryland	12	11
Massachusetts	12	11
Michigan	28	40
Minnesota	18	30
Mississippi	12	11
Missouri	28	28
Montana	6	11
Massachusetts	12	11
Nebraska	6	9
Nevada	6	9
New Hampshire	8	14
New Jersey	22	102
New York	22	102
North Carolina	22	21
North Dakota	6	9
Ohio	46	67
Oregon	8	14
Pennsylvania	46	12
Rhode Island	6	11
South Carolina	18	15
South Dakota	6	9
Tennessee	12	11
Texas	30	25
Vermont	8	14
Virginia	12	11
Washington	8	14
West Virginia	12	20
Wisconsin	18	30
Wyoming	6	9
Utah	6	9
New Mexico	4	4
Oklahoma	4	4
District of Columbia	6	6
Alaska	6	6

The scenes through which the national committee has passed during the few days it has been considering contests will probably influence them so favorably consider Mr. Payne's resolution.

PLATT'S BLUFF

His Talk About Bolting the Convention is Very Truly Dismissed.

ST. LOUIS, June 12.—To-day there was in circulation a report that Thomas C. Platt had declared his intention of bolting or walking out of the convention if the six contestants from New York should be seated. It is learned from members of the national committee that in all probability the six Platt men will be thrown out, and the other men placed on the temporary roll. The report of what Platt had said was reported to Mr. Hanna to-day, and he declared that it was a bluff. He said: "I shall not get excited over this, even if Mr. Platt said it." Mr. Hanna remarked, and when assured that Platt had made the remark he was not disturbed.

Other friends of McKinley who heard the talk said that Platt was putting up a grand bluff and that no one was to be alarmed over what he had said. They said that in the report of Platt's intention to bolt has been circulated by his friends quite freely, one of them stated emphatically that the position of Mr. Platt was that if he should be elected delegates in New York should be uneaten, there would be sixty more delegates who would walk out of the convention. This view is contradicted by the report that Platt was from New York on the ground that there are from twenty-five to thirty delegates from New York who are ardent McKinley men and cannot be expected to follow Platt in any such move.

Members of the national committee think the talk of a New York bolt is wholly for the purpose of the Indiana man. He said that the decision of contests yet to be decided.

To an Associated Press reporter to-day Mr. Platt said that he had not spoken particularly of the contest of delegates, which was contested, but of the whole proceeding in the committee. "They are riding rough shod over everything," he said. The question of a man's title to a seat is not a question of presidential candidates. Mr. Hanna, the member of the committee from Ohio, has declared that the only question involved in the contest is whether the man for whom the man is McKinley, and that line of policy is what New York objects to.

Mr. Platt reiterated that he has continually declared that Mr. Morton's name will be presented and voted for. When asked what he had to say about Manley's manifesto, he said he did not think it had made any impression on the committee. He was a party to the contest, and was at a loss to explain it except that the Maine committee must have become demoralized when they received a dispatch from Mr. Reed, who says that Mr. Manley's utterance was wholly unauthorized and expressed his astonishment that Manley had taken such a course.

The Parkersburg Delegation.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., June 12.—The Parkersburg delegation to the St. Louis convention, accompanied by large numbers from the interior and southern part of the state, left this city Sunday morning on a special train.

Total Political Quarrel.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., June 12.—John Arthur was forcibly placed with a knife during a row with Tom Walker, at Guyana, last night. The quarrel arose over politics. Arthur will probably die.

MAY BE FAIRBANKS.

Question of the Temporary Chairmanship of the Convention.

THOMPSON'S CIRCULAR LETTER

In Opposition to the Appointment of Fairbanks

CALLS FOR EMPHATIC DENIAL.

From Mr. Hanna that the McKinley Management were Urging His Selection, Although He is Entirely Acceptable to Them—The Indiana Man Will No Doubt Be Selected by the Committee Because He Represents the Ideas that are Crystallized in the Financial Plank of the Platform—The Wisdom of the Selection is Apparent.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 12.—It has been positively denied that the McKinley management has urged the selection of the Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indiana, for temporary chairman of the convention. Marcus A. Hanna asserted to-day. He said that Mr. Fairbanks would be acceptable, and that was all. A good deal of talk in regard to the matter has been caused by a circular letter which has been sent to every member of the national committee. The letter is made up from a newspaper interview with Col. Richard W. Thompson, a delegate-at-large from Indiana, in opposition to the selection of Mr. Fairbanks. A copy of the circular was sent to Mr. Hanna. When he had read it he expressed regret that the affair had been carried to such an extreme. "I wish it distinctly understood," said Mr. Hanna, "that at no time, nor in any place, have I stated that it was the wish of the McKinley management that Mr. Fairbanks should be selected as temporary chairman. The impression that I had forecasted this selection grew out of a newspaper dispatch sent from Indianapolis on the night I passed through that city."

From the manner in which I anticipated the selection of Mr. Fairbanks as temporary chairman. I did not so state, and said nothing upon this subject that could be distorted into such a statement."

"The suggestion of Mr. Fairbanks as temporary chairman of the convention came from various sections of the country, partly from members of the national committee whose attention to Indiana had been called by its financial plank in the platform adopted by that state's convention some weeks since. That plank met with so much approval that it was believed to be wise to choose a man from Indiana, and as Mr. Fairbanks had been the recognized author of the financial plank of the Indiana platform, his name naturally came into the minds of those members of the committee and others who read it, and it thus occurred to suggest Mr. Fairbanks for the position. When we applied upon the subject we simply stated that Mr. Fairbanks would be acceptable. He has been urged for the honor by those who thought the speech of the temporary chairman should be taken largely of the financial question."

Quite a number of the members of the national committee stated to-day that there was no doubt of the selection of Mr. Fairbanks as temporary chairman. The suggestion of Mr. Fairbanks as temporary chairman of the convention, comes before the committee at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. They expect that the committee will simply select the key-note of the campaign, should pay no attention to any local issue, or rivalry, or personal advantage.

WHAT FAIRBANKS SAYS

About the Money Plank—Will Be Sound Enough—Tariff Question.

CLEVELAND, O., June 12.—Hon. C. W. Fairbanks, of Indianapolis, who is to be temporary chairman of the St. Louis convention, spent the day with Governor McKinley at Canton, and started for St. Louis to-night. He was seen by the Associated Press correspondent on the train to-night and asked what he thought of the money plank of the convention on the money question.

"I am of the opinion that the convention will declare unequivocally in favor of the money plank, and I am surprised to see it adopted. The financial plank of Indiana platform."

"No, I rather expect to see the ratio clause stricken out of the convention platform. As it stands now the plank pronounces emphatically against the free coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1. My opinion is that the plank will simply obliterate the words '16 to 1.' That will place it squarely against the free coinage of silver at any and every ratio. Whether the Indiana plank is adopted or not, you can rest assured that the convention is going to pronounce in no uncertain manner on the financial question. There will be no straddle, anything approaching a straddle. It will be a plain statement, one which he who runs may read, in favor of sound money."

"Will the tariff or the money question be the issue of the campaign?" "Both. But I expect to see the tariff dominate before the campaign is over."

WON'T MIND 'JOE'

Speaker Reed and His Friends Determined to Keep Up the Fight.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 12.—The friends of Speaker Reed in Washington said to-day that notwithstanding Mr. Manley's statements they would continue in the fight for the Indiana plank, last night and this morning the speaker has been in telegraphic communication with his friends at St. Louis. He has asked them to go into the fight, and they have responded that they will stick to him.

The speaker's most intimate friends here are indignant at Mr. Manley and say that besides its effect on the speaker's campaign it will demoralize the fight which is to be made for a straight gold platform under the leadership of Mr. Reed's lieutenant, Senator Lodge. Mr. Lodge, they say, is to be on the committee on resolutions and is to make the fight on the money plank in the committee and later, if necessary, on the floor of the convention.

The speaker will remain here until Sunday, when he will leave for New York. He had no public comment to make to-day on Mr. Manley's statement. His private secretary said to-day: "The speaker has been informed of the existence of the statement. The expression of that belief speaks eloquently enough it seems to me."

CONTESTED DELEGATIONS

Before the National Committee—McKinley is Still Gaining.

ST. LOUIS, June 12.—The national committee was rather slow in getting together to-day. The session was not set until 10:30 and it was a quarter of an hour later when they got together.

On motion of Mr. Scott, of West Virginia, the time for the present action of the cases of claimants to seats in contest was reduced from 15 to 10 minutes.

Considerable time was spent by the committee in discussion in executive session of the propriety of permitting stenographic reports of the proceedings of the committee. Mr. Clayton made objection to the presence of the private secretary of Mr. Sutherland, saying that if each member's private secretary were present the stenographer would be discommodated. Mr. Sutherland explained that he appeared for Mr. Clarkson, and had found it necessary to have his own stenographer. He was so arranged as to permit the stenographer to be present during the hearings, but not while the executive sessions were in progress.

James Francis Burke, of Pittsburgh, Pa., was elected official reporter of the committee. He moved to read the report of the committee. He and George H. Thornton, of Buffalo, N. Y., were the only candidates whose names were presented.

The committee then resumed consideration of the Mississippi contest, beginning with the Sixth district. This contest presented no points of special interest. The contestants, C. A. Simson and George F. Bowles, the Lynchburg, Va., were the only candidates whose names were presented.

The Seventh district concluded the list of Mississippi contests. This was another case of two conventions in conflict. The contestants, J. H. Murphy and J. H. Murphy, were the only candidates whose names were presented.

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WILL BE EMPHATIC.

The Financial Plank in the Republican Platform

WILL FAVOR GOLD STANDARD

Without Any Equivocation or Concealment of Meaning.

THE FREE COINAGE OF SILVER

Will Only Be Admitted to Be Possible When Brought About by an International Agreement—Eastern Men, when they Arrive at St. Louis, will Find the Money Plank all that the Most Fastidious Could Desire—The Platform will Also Recite what the Republican Party Has Done to Maintain the Honesty of the American Dollar, which is a Guarantee for the Future that No Other Party Can Give.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 12.—The principal development of the day has been the agreement upon a gold standard plank for the platform. It has been asserted in these dispatches for several days that this would be done, but to-day the matter was settled so far as it could be in advance of the convention. The incoming delegates from every section acclaimed the sentiment for unequivocal declaration for the gold standard and against the free coinage of silver. There have been arrivals of some prominent men, among them being Senator Quay, Cornelius N. Hiss, Gen. Horace Porter, Hon. Charles Foster and Gen. Grosvener. The vice presidential candidate has been discussed a great deal, with conclusions indicating that Hobart, of New Jersey, is the most prominent name. The other candidates are the Hon. Charles Foster and Gen. Grosvener.

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TELLER TALKS

On the Outcome of the Convention at St. Louis.

SAYS MCKINLEY WILL GET THERE

And that He will Stand on a Gold Platform.

WHICH HE CANNOT SUPPORT.

He Does Not Say He will Bolt the Convention, but the Inference He Leaves is that He will Not Fall on McKinley's Neck and Weep Tears of Joy—His Statements Rather Equivocal.

CINCINNATI, O., June 12.—Senator and Mrs. Teller remained here to-night while enroute from Washington to St. Louis. They resume their journey to-morrow. Senator Teller was interviewed by the Enquirer, the free silver paper, as follows:

"What do you think the Republicans will do at St. Louis, Senator?" "I think that McKinley will be the nominee on a gold standard platform."

"In that event what will you do?" "I do not wish to make any statement further than that which is already on record. When the Republican state convention of Colorado was in session I telegraphed them that I would not go to St. Louis, but that if my party sent me I would not support a gold standard candidate for President on a gold standard platform, or on a platform of doubtful import, or in other words a straddle. Not only did the convention elect me, but instructed the other delegates to be governed by my action. I did not like that because it is rather embarrassing that I should be sent me I would not support a gold standard candidate for President on a gold standard platform, or on a platform of doubtful import, or in other words a straddle. Not only did the convention elect me, but instructed the other delegates to be governed by my action. 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